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Admiral Arleigh Burke
Chief of Naval Operations
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Arleigh,

Thank you for the copy of your memorandum on Portugal of 31 March 1959. We agree that the political situation in Portugal presents both current and long range problems. We believe it pertinent, however, to make the following observations.

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We are watching this situation and are in close contact with the State Department on all aspects of the problem.

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Admiral Burke:

Many thanks for the copy of your memorandum of
31 March 1959 on Portugal. We are generally in accord
with its substance.

Sincerely yours,

C. P. Cabell
General, USAF
Acting Director

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